

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A transfer unit 5, which has transfer members 51a corresponding to a plurality of image carriers arranged in a sheet transporting direction, for transferring images carried on the image carriers, has rotary fulcrums 50 in the vicinity of an extension of the axis of a transfer member 51a on an upstream side end portion or on an downstream side end portion in the sheet transporting direction so as to be approximately parallel to the axis, and can be rotated on the rotary fulcrums 50 in directions of moving to and from the image carriers. With this image forming apparatus, it is possible to keep stable orientation of the transfer unit while the apparatus is in operation, thereby realizing stable contact/separation movement of the transfer unit.